



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER FOR THE GOSPEL

THE JOY OF A UNIFIED TEAM

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - October 1 and 2, 2022

1. Act _____ (v. 1)

Philippians 2:1-4 (ESV)
1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

2. Share _____ (v. 2)

3. Actively _____ (vv. 3-4)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Philippians 2:1 & Ephesians 1:18.** Reflect on the riches available to you in Christ. How should Christ's riches free you to pursue unity and selflessness this week? What distracts you most from the reality of our riches in Christ?

2. **Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7.** How have you experienced the comfort of God in your life? How should the comfort of God help to shape our perspectives on suffering and service?

3. **Read 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10.** What are some of the greatest challenges to loving people well over a long period of time and even seeing that love grow instead of decrease? How should our study of Philippians refresh your commitment to love others well?

4. **Read Philippians 2:3.** What are the ways you think you might be actively tempted to focus on your own selfish ambition or conceit? Why should these desires seem foolish in light of your riches in Christ?

5. **Read Philippians 2:4.** What are some ways you need to actively focus on the concerns of others this week? What kinds of specific actions should that lead you to?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Holmes, Jonathan. *The Company We Keep*. Cruciform Press, 2014.

Welch, Edward T. *Caring for One Another*. Crossway, 2018.

Wiersbe, Warren. *How to be a Caring Christian*. Back to the Bible, 1981.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our church would represent the gospel well in the Treasure Valley.

Pray that our focus on the advance of the faith would unite us.

Pray that we would be fearless and confident as we stand for Christ.

Pray for our service teams as they prepare for the move to Heritage Middle School.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
10/3	Hosea 9-14	Ephesians 3
10/4	Isaiah 28-30	Ephesians 4:1-16
10/5	Isaiah 31-34	Ephesians 4:17-32
10/6	Isaiah 35-37, Psalm 76	Ephesians 5:1-21
10/7	Isaiah 38-40	Ephesians 5:22-33
10/8	Isaiah 41-42	Ephesians 6